

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 22, please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

Though, in the first embodiment, both the alarm means (the buzzer 113) and the movement inhibiting means 114 are provided, only one of them may be provided. When only the buzzer 113 is provided, generation of artifact can be prevented only by the operator inhibiting himself from moving the recording/read-out section 100 while the buzzer 113 is operating. When only the movement inhibiting means 114 is provided, ~~vain~~ unsuccessful attempted operation can be avoided by the operator inhibiting himself from moving the recording/read-out section 100 until scanning of the electrostatic recording medium 101 by the LED array 103 is finished.